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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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12 SCOTT RIEGER,

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14 Plaintiff,

15 v.

16 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., et al.,

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18 Defendants.
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Case No.: C-13-00749 JSC

**ORDER REFERRING PLAINTIFF
AND WELLS FARGO TO ADR UNIT
FOR ASSESSMENT TELEPHONE
CONFERENCE**

20 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers Plaintiff and
21 Wells Fargo in this foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a
22 telephone conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference.¹
23 Plaintiff's and Defendant's counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by
24 the ADR Unit as soon as possible but no later than 30 days from the date of this Order.

25 Plaintiff's and Defendant's counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- 26 (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.
27 (2) Prospects for loan modification.
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¹ Defendant Cal-Western Reconveyance Corporation is *not* referred to ADR.

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(3) Prospects for settlement.

The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference.

In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiff shall do the following:

- (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether they have merit.
- (2) If Plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims, Plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification request. Further, Plaintiff shall immediately notify Defendant's counsel of the request for a loan modification.
- (3) Provide counsel for Defendant with information necessary to evaluate the prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or application customarily used by financial institutions.

In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Defendant shall do the following:

- (1) If Defendant is unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving notice of Plaintiff's request, counsel for Defendant shall promptly notify Plaintiff to that effect.
- (2) Arrange for a representative of Defendant with full settlement authority to participate in the telephone conference.

The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its recommendation for further ADR proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 27, 2013



JACQUELINE SCOTT CORLEY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE